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Ex parte BRUCE TOGNAZZINI

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ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

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An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (Paper No. 10) was filed March 22, 1999. There is no indication in the record that the IDS was considered according to the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98 (1994). A communication notifying applicant of the primary examiner's decision is required. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 609(c) (7th Ed., Rev. 1, Feb. 2000).

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the examiner for resolution of the following issues:

- consideration of the IDS (Paper No. 10, filed March 22, 1999);
- appropriate notification to applicant of the action taken;
 - for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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